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Claims:

1. An illegitimate duplication preventing method comprising the steps of:

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creating license information as information in the form of a run-time read module in a data processing apparatus by a creation program that self-destructs after being executed; and

executing a program that is installed in said data processing apparatus without said license information and is incomplete without said license information, with said license information read during the execution.

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2. A data processing apparatus comprising:

15 license information creating means for creating license information as information in the form of a run-time read module by a creation program that self-destructs after being executed; and

program executing means for executing a program that is installed without said license information and is incomplete without said license information, with said license information read during the execution.

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3. A medical imaging apparatus comprising medical image acquisition means for acquiring an image of a subject, image processing means for processing said image, and display means for displaying said processed image, wherein said image processing means comprises:

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license information creating means for creating license information

as information in the form of a run-time read module by a creation program that self-destructs after being executed; and

program executing means for executing a program that is installed without said license information and is incomplete without said license
5   information, with said license information read during the execution.